



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: Down East	Date: June 21, 2010
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas): Down East DCC meeting held on May 5 in Steuben Library Hall with 24 participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNE Researcher Ron Deprez provided background on potential DCC – Academic Research Partnerships. • When specific programs or activities come up in discussion, more information will be provided by district liaison in biweekly electronic updates. • Meeting time was provided for the six work teams to get organized, review purpose and objectives and set time frame for summer meetings. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for 2010 – 2011 Seasonal Flu Campaign. • MAPP process. • Discussions on State Health Plan District Performance Report. • District members following Health Reform efforts and potential funding opportunities. 	
<p>Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six work teams met at the May 5 DCC meeting: Communication, Health Indicators, Health Service Gaps, Workforce Development, Resource Development, and Health Promotion, as a result of our LPHSA priorities. • The work teams have the summer to develop an inventory of activities in the district as well as consider strategies that currently work and could be expanded across the district. • The work teams will have a deliverable by the September DCC meeting; from these deliverables will come a discussion and decision on strategies and interventions that will be written in the two year District Public Health Improvement Plan.. 	
<p>Organizations represented at meeting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation at the DCC meeting in May included hospitals, health centers, HMPs, human service agencies, university, and tribal liaison. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Liaison is working with one hospital CEO to form a meeting of hospital and health centers leaders in the district for an ongoing discussion on the Prevention Quality Indicators. 	
<p>Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Health Planning and District Public Health Improvement Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can the SCC provide the districts with some dialogue or key points to consider as we develop the DPHIP? ○ The SCC should have a discussion from all the district representatives on how best to align the State Health Plan, the District PH Improvement Plan and the local HMP Community Plan, and then share those points in a summary to the districts. 	
<p>Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many environmental health issues are percolating to the surface, including rural septic system issues. • Mold and housing stock in poor quality are leading to many inquiries of potential indoor health issues. • The inadequacy of the physical health system handling mental health issues. 	

¹Sec. 5. 22 MRSA c. 152

A district coordinating council for public health shall:

1. Participate as appropriate in district-level activities to help ensure the state public health system in each district is ready and maintained for accreditation;
2. Provide a mechanism for district-wide input to the state health plan under Title 2, section 103;
3. Ensure that the goals and strategies of the state health plan are addressed in the district; and
4. Ensure that the essential public health services and resources are provided for in each district in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible.